

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A method for encoding and displaying documents includes identifying multiple characteristics, such as characters, and scenery, about text of a document, creating a key for correlating the characteristics with multiple unique indicia such as color, and placing corresponding indicia to the characteristics present in a line of text in columns adjacent to the line of text on the basis of the key. A system for encoding and displaying documents includes a memory containing multiple characteristics about text of a document, the document, a key for correlating the characteristics with each unique indicia, and a display showing at least some of the unique indicia adjacent to at least some lines of text in the document, the unique indicia placed adjacent to the line of text corresponding to the characteristics in the line of text based on the key. An encoded document has various lines of text with multiple characteristics, multiple unique indicia in a margin adjacent to at least some lines of text, and the unique indicia in the margin corresponds to the multiple characteristics in the associated line of text.

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